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SUBJECT: FAHMY'S COMMENTS ON PRESIDENT SADAT'S VISIT TO FRANCE

1. FAHMY TOLD ME TODAY THAT, SO FAR AS EGYPTIANS ARE CONCERNED, PRESIDENT SADAT'S VISIT TO FRANCE WAS A SUCCESS. THE FRENCH HAD TREATED THE PRESIDENT AND THE EGYPTIAN DELEGATION WITH GREAT CONSIDERATION. THERE WAS A GENUINE FRENCH DESIRE TO COOPERATE WITH EGYPT. HE, PERSONALLY, HAD SPENT MUCH OF THE TIME IN DISCUSSIONS AND PREPARING DRAFTS.

2. FAHMY THOUGHT THE VISIT AND RESULTANT COMMUNIQUE HAD THREE ADVANTAGES FOR EGYPT: FIRST, IT DEMONSTRATED TO THE USSR THAT EGYPT IS NOT ENTIRELY DEPENDENT UPON THE SOVITS FOR ARMS. SECOND, IT SHOWED THOSE ARAB CRITICS OF SADAT WHO CONTEND HE HAS BECOME AN AMERICAN "STOOGES" THAT EGYPT IS SEEKING TO DEVELOP BETTER RELATIONS NOT ONLY WITH THE US BUT WITH THE WESTERN WORLD. THIRD, IT OFFERED PROSPECTS OF ACCELERATING THE SLUGGISH EGYPTIAN ECONOMY BY INTRODUCING AN ELEMENT OF COMPETITION. THE FRENCH HAD SHOWN CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN EGYPTIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS. THUS, FOR EXAMPLE, GERMAN, BRITISH AND EVEN AMERICAN BIDDERS ON PROJECTS WILL HAVE TO DO SO IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THERE MAY ALSO BE FRENCH OFFERS. THIS SHOULD HELP TO REDUCE COSTS

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AND IMPROVE QUALITY. THERE HAS ALSO BEEN TOO MUCH

DUMPING OF SECOND RATE EQUIPMENT ON EGYPT, ESPECIALLY
BY THE SOVIETS, AND IN HIS VIEW FRANCO-EGYPTIAN
ECONOMIC COOPERATION WILL HELP PREVENT THIS IN THE
FUTURE.
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